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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No. | 4906.P028 |
| First Inventor | Siegfried Luft, et al. |
| Title | A Method and Apparatus for a Hybrid Variable Rate Pipe |
| Express Mail Label No. | EL 485755487US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 54]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 18]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
 named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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Washington, DC 20231

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
or its equivalent.
17. Other:

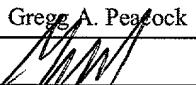
18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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| Application Number | Not yet assigned |
| Filing Date | Herewith |
| First Named Inventor | Siegfried Luft, et al. |
| Examiner Name | Not yet assigned |
| Group Art Unit | Not yet assigned |
| Attorney Docket No. | 4906.P028 |

METHOD OF PAYMENT

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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

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Check Credit card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 101 | 710 | 201 355 Utility filing fee | 710 |
| 106 | 320 | 206 160 Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 490 | 207 245 Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 710 | 208 355 Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 75 Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 710)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 54 | -20** = 34 | | x 18 | = 612 | |
| 8 | -3** = 5 | | x 80 | = 400 | |
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| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 103 | 18 | 203 9 Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 80 | 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 270 | 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 80 | 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 1012)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------|
| 105 | 130 | 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 130 Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 195 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 445 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 155 Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 135 Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 220 Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 300 Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 130 | 123 130 Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40 |
| 146 | 710 | 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | |

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 40)

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor Siegfried Luft, et al.

Title A Method and Apparatus for a Hybrid Variable Rate Pipe

Atty Docket Number 4906.P028

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

6-22-01

Date

Signature

Gregg A. Peacock, Reg. No. 45,001

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

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